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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A vehicular cargo carrying arrangement having a cargo carrier secured by an anchor assembly to a transporting vehicle, said arrangement comprising:

a transporting vehicle and a cargo carrier releasably interconnected by an anchor assembly, said transporting vehicle having a receiving arrangement for the anchor assembly;

the anchor assembly comprising: a pair of spaced apart connecting members, each of said connecting members being releasably attached between the cargo carrier and the transporting vehicle; at least one of said connecting members adapted to accommodate fixation of a spanning member between said pair of spaced apart connecting members; and a spanning member connected between said pair of spaced apart connecting members, said spanning member configured to accept a securement member thereupon by a slip connection.

2. (Original) The vehicular cargo carrying arrangement as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

a moveable securement member slidingly engaged upon said spanning member, said securement member having an end distally positionable away from said spanning member and adapted to be secured to a transporting vehicle.

3. (Original) The vehicular cargo carrying arrangement as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

a stationary securement member fastened upon one of said connecting members, said securement member having an end distally positionable away from said spanning member and adapted to be secured to a transporting vehicle.



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4. (Original) The vehicular cargo carrying arrangement as recited in claim 3, further comprising:
a moveable securement member slidingly engaged upon said spanning member, said
securement member having an end distally positionable away from said spanning member and
adapted to be secured to a transporting vehicle.

5. (Original) The vehicular cargo carrying arrangement as recited in claim 4 wherein both of said
pair of spaced apart connecting members are adapted to accommodate fixation of said spanning
member therebetween.

6. (Original) The vehicular cargo carrying arrangement as recited in claim 5 wherein said
moveable spanning member, said stationary spanning member and said securement member are
constructed from flexible webbed belting.

7. (Original) The vehicular cargo carrying arrangement as recited in claim 5 wherein each of said
connecting members has a first slotted aperture extending therethrough and oriented for
accepting a looped connection of said spanning member to said connecting member, said first
slotted aperture being configured so that a longitudinal axis thereof is transversely oriented to a
centerline of the transporting vehicle when the cargo carrier body is properly mounted thereupon.

8. (Original) The vehicular cargo carrying arrangement as recited in claim 5 wherein each of said connecting members has a first slotted aperture extending therethrough and oriented for accepting a looped connection of said spanning member to said connecting member, said first slotted aperture being configured so that a longitudinal axis thereof is oriented substantially perpendicular to a centerline of the transporting vehicle when the cargo carrier body is properly mounted thereupon.

9. (Original) The vehicular cargo carrying arrangement as recited in claim 8 wherein each of said connecting members has a second slotted aperture extending therethrough and oriented for accepting a looped connection of said securement member to said connecting member, each of said second slotted apertures being configured so that a longitudinal axis thereof is oriented substantially parallel to a centerline of the transporting vehicle when the cargo carrier body is properly mounted thereupon.

10. (Original) The vehicular cargo carrying arrangement as recited in claim 8 wherein at least one of said pair of connecting members has a second slotted aperture extending therethrough and oriented for accepting a looped connection of said securement member to said connecting member, said second slotted aperture being configured so that a longitudinal axis thereof is oriented substantially parallel to a centerline of the transporting vehicle when the cargo carrier body is properly mounted thereupon.



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11. (Original) The vehicular cargo carrying arrangement as recited in claim 4 further comprising:

a clip attached to said moveable securement member, said clip adapted to catch in a gap space on the transporting vehicle established between a door frame and a roof's surface of the vehicle.

12. (Original) The vehicular cargo carrying arrangement as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

an add-on adaptor configured to be fixed upon at least one of said pair of spaced apart connecting members, said add-on adaptor having a first slotted aperture extending therethrough and configured to be oriented for accepting a looped connection of said spanning member to said add-on adaptor.

13. (Original) The vehicular cargo carrying arrangement as recited in claim 11 wherein said clip is attached to a distal end of said moveable securement member.

14. (Original) The vehicular cargo carrying arrangement as recited in claim 3 further comprising:

a clip attached to said stationary securement member, said clip adapted to catch in a gap space on the transporting vehicle established between a door frame and a roof's surface of the vehicle.

15. (Original) The vehicular cargo carrying arrangement as recited in claim 14 wherein said clip is attached to a distal end of said stationary securement member.

16. (Currently Amended) An anchor assembly for securing a cargo carrier body to a short roof-line transporting vehicle, said anchor assembly comprising:

a pair of spaced apart connecting members, each of said connecting members being adapted to be attached to a cargo carrier body adapted for ~~engagement with a roof rack mounting~~ on the transporting vehicle;

at least one of said connecting members adapted to accommodate fixation of a spanning member between said pair of spaced apart connecting members;

a spanning member adapted to be connected between said pair of spaced apart connecting members, said spanning member configured to accept a securement member thereupon by a slip connection;

a moveable securement member slidably engaged upon said spanning member, said securement member having an end distally positionable away from said spanning member and adapted to be secured to a transporting vehicle; and

a stationary securement member fastened upon one of said connecting members, said securement member having an end distally positionable away from said spanning member and adapted to be secured to a transporting vehicle.



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17. (New) An anchor assembly for securing a cargo carrier body to a short roof-line transporting vehicle, said anchor assembly comprising:

a pair of spaced apart connecting members, each of said connecting members being adapted to be attached to a cargo carrier body adapted to be mounted on the transporting vehicle;

at least one of said connecting members adapted to accommodate fixation of a spanning member between said pair of spaced apart connecting members;

a spanning member adapted to be connected between said pair of spaced apart connecting members, said spanning member configured to accept a securement member thereupon by a slip connection;

a stationary securement member fastened upon one of said connecting members, said securement member having an end distally positionable away from said spanning member and adapted to be secured to a transporting vehicle;

a moveable securement member slidably engaged upon said spanning member, said securement member having an end distally positionable away from said spanning member and adapted to be secured to a transporting vehicle; and

both of said pair of spaced apart connecting members are adapted to accommodate fixation of said spanning member therebetween and wherein said moveable spanning member, said stationary spanning member and said securement member are constructed from flexible webbed belting.

18. (New) An anchor assembly for securing a cargo carrier body to a short roof-line transporting vehicle, said anchor assembly comprising:

a pair of spaced apart connecting members, each of said connecting members being adapted to be attached to a cargo carrier body adapted to be mounted on the transporting vehicle;

at least one of said connecting members adapted to accommodate fixation of a spanning member between said pair of spaced apart connecting members;

a spanning member adapted to be connected between said pair of spaced apart connecting members, said spanning member configured to accept a securement member thereupon by a slip connection;

a stationary securement member fastened upon one of said connecting members, said securement member having an end distally positionable away from said spanning member and adapted to be secured to a transporting vehicle;

a moveable securement member slidably engaged upon said spanning member, said securement member having an end distally positionable away from said spanning member and adapted to be secured to a transporting vehicle; and

both of said pair of spaced apart connecting members are adapted to accommodate fixation of said spanning member therebetween and wherein each of said connecting members has a first slotted aperture extending therethrough and oriented for accepting a looped connection of said spanning member to said connecting member, said first slotted aperture being configured so that a longitudinal axis thereof is oriented substantially perpendicular to a centerline of the transporting vehicle when the cargo carrier body is properly mounted thereupon.

19. (New) An anchor assembly for securing a cargo carrier body to a short roof-line transporting vehicle, said anchor assembly comprising:

a pair of spaced apart connecting members, each of said connecting members being adapted to be attached to a cargo carrier body adapted to be mounted on the transporting vehicle;

at least one of said connecting members adapted to accommodate fixation of a spanning member between said pair of spaced apart connecting members;

a spanning member adapted to be connected between said pair of spaced apart connecting members, said spanning member configured to accept a securement member thereupon by a slip connection;

a stationary securement member fastened upon one of said connecting members, said securement member having an end distally positionable away from said spanning member and adapted to be secured to a transporting vehicle;

a moveable securement member slidably engaged upon said spanning member, said securement member having an end distally positionable away from said spanning member and adapted to be secured to a transporting vehicle; and

both of said pair of spaced apart connecting members are adapted to accommodate fixation of said spanning member therebetween and wherein each of said connecting members has a first slotted aperture extending therethrough and oriented for accepting a looped connection of said spanning member to said connecting member, said first slotted aperture being configured so that a longitudinal axis thereof is oriented transverse to a centerline of the transporting vehicle when the cargo carrier body is properly mounted thereupon.

20. (New) The anchor assembly as recited in claim 19 wherein each of said connecting members has a second slotted aperture extending therethrough and oriented for accepting a looped connection of said securement member to said connecting member, each of said second slotted apertures being configured so that a longitudinal axis thereof is oriented substantially parallel to a centerline of the transporting vehicle when the cargo carrier body is properly mounted thereupon.

21. (New) The anchor assembly as recited in claim 19 wherein at least one of said pair of connecting members has a second slotted aperture extending therethrough and oriented for accepting a looped connection of said securement member to said connecting member, said second slotted aperture being configured so that a longitudinal axis thereof is oriented substantially parallel to a centerline of the transporting vehicle when the cargo carrier body is properly mounted thereupon.

22. (New) The anchor assembly as recited in claim 3 further comprising:

a clip attached to said stationary securement member, said clip adapted to catch in a gap space on the transporting vehicle established between a door frame and a roof's surface of the vehicle.

23. (New) The anchor assembly as recited in claim 22 wherein said clip is attached to a distal end of said stationary securement member.